(c) to (e) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was providing assistance to State Governments etc. for creation of sports facilities based on specific proposals received from time to time as per the guidelines of the scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructures. However, *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005 the scheme was transferred to the State sector. No fresh projects are, therefore, being funded by the Govt. of India, but funds to the extent of committed liabilities for the ongoing approved projects would be given only during the remaining period of X Five Year Plan.

Rural Sports Programme in Andhra Pradesh

242. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run under the "Rural Sports Programme";

(b) the names of agencies through which the said programme is being undertaken;

(c) the criteria for allocation of funds for the implementation of the said scheme, and

(d) the details of funds allocated by Government for organizing rural sports programme in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years alongwith the names of agency through which the funds have been allocated?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing a scheme of 'Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities' under which the Rural Sports programme is one of the components. This programme is being implemented through Sports Authority of India in coordination with State Governments. Under the scheme, grant-in-aid are provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for organizing District-level, State-level and National-level tournaments. Financial Assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is also made available by the Ministry to Non-Government Organizations, including the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing District-level competitions. The States/UT-level tournaments

are organized in collaboraiton with States/UTs, and assistance is provided through SAI at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 25,000/- per discipline to the States and UTs respectively. For National-level tournaments, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/- per discipline is provided to SAI for organizing the tournament separately for men and women in various States by rotation.

In order to broad-based games and sports in the North-Eastern States and to tap talent, the Government of India provides enhanced assistance of Rs. 50,000/- and Rs. 75,000/- per discipline for district and State-level competitions respectively.

(d) No specific proposal has been received from Andhra Pradesh for the release of funds during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Selection process for the Commonwealth Games

243. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection process of sportsmen/sportswomen have been completed for the Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) if so, the gender-wise number of candidates for each games and the details of training programmes conducted; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The selection of sportspersons for such events is done by the National Sports Federations concerned through a duly constituted Selection Committee some months before the actual event. The selections for the Commonwealth Games-2010 will also be done accordingly some time before the Games which will be held in October 2010.